



#### Crash Statistics - 2006

- 5,973,000 police-reported traffic crashes
- 117 each day
  one every 12 minutes
- MVC leading cause of death of every age from 2 through 34



#### Crash Statistics 2006

- 4,810 motorcyclists killed and 88,000 injured
- □ Helmets saved 1,658 and additional 752 saved if all motorcyclists had worn helmets
- Motorcyclists 37 times more likely to die in a traffic crash



## What is Bystander Care?

- Saving lives at the scene of the crash
- Knowing specific actions most critical for saving the life of injured crash victim





#### Key Points

- □ Time is critical "Golden Hour"
- □ First There, First care
- Don't assume someone else will stop to call for help

## YOU can save a life.



#### Five Actions of Bystander Care

- Stop to Help
- □ Call for Help
- Assess the Victim
- Start the Breathing
- Stop the Bleeding



Stop and help in an emergency!



## Recognize an Emergency

- Hearing or seeing the crash occur
- Skid marks
- One or more vehicles stopped in odd position
- Broken fence or guard rail
- Cracked windshield or guardrail
- Smoke, fire, gasoline odor







One or more vehicles stopped in an odd position



## Stop to Help

- □ Park in a safe spot
- □ Turn on your hazard lights
- Raise hood of your car
- Watch out for other vehicles
- Watch for other victims not in car
- Approach crash site carefully
- Check scene



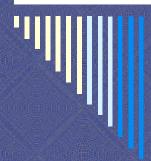
# Is the scene safe?





#### Where to Park

- □ Park a safe distance from the crash site – at least 100 feet or more from the crash site – about 5-6 car lengths
- Park completely off the roadway, out of active traffic lanes
- Park uphill or upwind if smoke or hazardous materials are present



## Other Safety Measures

- Turn on hazard lights, raise the hood to attract attention
- Place nighttime reflectors far enough in both directions to forewarn other drivers
- Do not use flares, particularly if there is a chance of fire



### Further Safety Measures

- □ Take emergency car pack to the crash scene
- ☐ If it is safe, turn off ignition of crash vehicle
- Apply emergency brake of all vehicles
- Watch out for passing vehicles
- Look for victims not in the vehicle





## Roadside Emergency Kit

□ Protective non- latex or

rubber gloves



Pocketmask orshield



- Large gauze bandages
- □ Emergency Action Card (to serve as reminder)





- Crash is in residential area; no way to communicate?
- Send someone to nearby home to call for help
- Stay with the victim bystander care needed by the victim most





Crash in rural area
Stay and attend to the injured first
When others show up, send them for help



## What to Tell 911 Dispatcher

- Location of the crash
  - Mile marker, intersection, known landmarks
- Number of victims and their injuries
  - Types of injuries
  - Special circumstances, ie. trapped



## What to tell 911 Dispatcher

- Who you are
- Where you are calling from
- Trained bystander at scene

Be sure to answer all the dispatcher's questions and follow instructions!

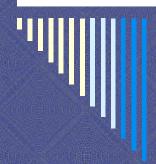




#### Assess the Victim

- Wear protective gloves if you can
- □ Check victim for injuries





#### Assess the Victim

- Ask victim not to move
- Ask where they are hurting
- Listen to response test for alertness or confusion
- Listen for moaning from victim
- Look for signs of head and spinal injury



#### Assess the Victim

■ No response?



Check for breathing!



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Start the Breathing



■ Having difficulty breathing? Not responsive? Slumped over?

Straighten the neck to open the airway.



## Start Rescue Breathing

- If available, cover person's mouth with a protective shield
- □ Pinch the person's nose
- Cover their open mouth with your mouth
- Blow air into the person's mouthone full breath



#### If chest does not rise...

- Gently tilt the person's head back a little more
- Remove any objects from the mouth that may be blocking the airway
- Begin rescue breathing again

Continue rescue breathing until victim can breathe without assistance or until EMS arrives.





## Stop the Bleeding

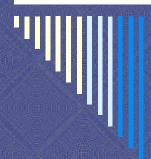
□ Place gauze or cloth directly to the wound

Apply direct pressure to the wound



## Stop the Bleeding

- If victim is able, victim may apply direct pressure to wound
- Tape or tie the gauze in place if appropriate



#### When EMS Arrives

- Let them know the care you provided
- Turn over the scene to EMS

## You have done your part to save a life!



Critical Issues



### Multiple Victims

- Ask "walking wounded" to move to a single safe area away from the crash site
- Recruit others to help
- Classify victims
  - Those with trouble breathing
  - Those who are bleeding



## Moving Victims

- Move victim only if in immediate life-threatening danger
- Not in danger moving can cause more harm than good



- ☐ If victim must be moved, presume that the neck and back are broken
- Keep head, neck and back in line with the rest of the body



## Moving an injured person...

- Get three to five people to help
  - One to support the head
  - Others to lift with even support to the body



#### Disease Transmission

- AIDS/HIV can be spread by blood
- AIDS/HIV is not spread by saliva, sweat, nasal secretions, tears, urine, vomit or feces
- After contact with blood, wash hands thoroughly
- Blood-stained clothing can be washed



## Liability Issues

- Liability is not an issue if:
  - Act in good faith to help an injured person
  - Stay within your ability to help
  - Good Samaritan Law